

mons or other process had been issued originally in that court.

13. Whenever the jurisdiction of the Forsyth County Court or the manner of trial therein is made to depend upon whether or not the cause of action arises in contract or in tort, the principal relief sought shall determine whether or not the action arises in contract or in tort.

Determination of jurisdiction in certain cases.

14. The salary of the Judge of the Forsyth County Court shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of County Commissioners of Forsyth County. The Board of County Commissioners shall also have the power to elect an assistant judge of the Forsyth County Court who shall have the authority to sit when the regular judge is unable to sit, and said judge may also sit for the trial of cases without a jury when the regular judge is engaged in the trial of cases before a jury. The Board of County Commissioners shall have the authority to fix the compensation of the assistant judge.

Compensation of Judge of Forsyth County Court.

Appointment of assistant judge authorized.

Compensation.

15. That the Board of Commissioners of Forsyth County shall have the right to abolish or temporarily suspend the said Forsyth County Court after the expiration of twelve months from the ratification of this Act; and that in the event the said court is abolished or temporarily suspended all cases then pending therein shall be transferred to the civil issue docket of the Superior Court of Forsyth County and the offices herein created shall ipso facto terminate.

Power of County Commissioners to abolish or suspend court.

SEC. 2. All other laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed: *Provided, however*, that except as herein amended, Public-Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred fifteen, Chapter five hundred twenty, and all Public-Local Laws and other laws thereafter enacted relating to said Forsyth County Court shall remain in full force and effect.

Conflicting laws repealed.

Exception.

SEC. 3. This Act is hereby declared to be divisible, and if any part thereof shall be declared invalid for any reason whatever, the remainder hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Partial invalidity clause.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on ratification, but shall not apply to pending actions.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 3rd day of April, 1939.